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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

Please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

Replace pages 8 and 9 with the following:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The shortcomings of the prior art, as well as other limitations and deficiencies, are obviated in accordance with the present invention by applying algebraic principles to the physical realization of a large switching fabric based upon contemporary technologies.

In accordance with a broad method aspect of the present invention, a method for implementing a class of $N \times N$ expanders each serving a connection request to



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An additional fee is required based on the calculation below for a **small entity**:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total Claims	21	21	0	\$9.00	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	2	3	0	\$40.00	\$ 0.00

Multiple Claims First Presented with this Amendment = 0 \$0

Total: \$0.00

Also enclosed herewith for filing in connection with the enclosed application are:

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Respectfully submitted,

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